

Existing law provides for a class of holdings of the office of state parks which includes areas which possess historical, cultural, or memorial significance. Provides that the principal function of such an area shall be to preserve and maintain a specific historical, cultural, or memorial theme.

Prior law designated such holdings as "state commemorative areas".

New law designates such holdings as "state historic sites". Authorizes the office to implement the name change gradually and at its discretion as new promotional materials are published or signs made.

Existing law includes a list of the state parks and state commemorative areas owned by the office of state parks.

New law updates such lists. Adds Fort DeRussy to the list of state historic sites and removes the Old State Capitol, the Sabine Pass Lighthouse, and the Louisiana Oil and Gas Park and Museum from such list. Also removes Camp Moore from such list in accordance with new law. Changes references to Plaquemine Locks to Plaquemine Lock. Adds Tickfaw and Palmetto Island to the list of state parks and removes Black Lake from such list.

Existing law authorizes the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to enter into a cooperative agreement for the operation and maintenance of the Kent House State Commemorative Area. Provides that such an agreement shall be made and implemented in the manner and subject to the provisions of existing law applicable to agreements between political subdivisions for the joint exercise of authority. Authorizes the department to transfer funds specifically authorized for such purpose to the entity. Provides that such funds shall not be less than \$56,000 per year and requires that the department request, each year, sufficient funds for the operation and maintenance of the site. Requires that the operating entity, subject to approval of the office of state parks, establish rules and regulations for the operation of the site.

Prior law authorized the department to enter into such an agreement with Kisatchie Delta Regional Planning and Development District, Inc.

New law authorizes the department to enter into such an agreement with any appropriate public or private entity. Requires that the entity also adopt policies, in addition to rules and regulations, for such operation. Changes name of site to Kent House State Historic Site in accordance with new law.

Existing law abolished the Board of Commissioners of Camp Moore Confederate Cemetery.

Prior law transferred the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of such board to the Secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Transferred administration, possession, control, management, and operation of the Camp Moore State Commemorative Area to Southeastern Louisiana University.

New law transfers ownership, possession, management, operation, and control of Camp Moore and the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the abolished board of commissioners to the division of administration, state land office. Authorizes such office to enter into agreements with the Camp Moore Historical Association for the operation and management of the site.

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(Amends R.S. 36:208(E), R.S. 48:757(A)(1)(a), R.S. 56:1684(C), 1685(B) and (C)(14), 1685.1, 1687.1(A), 1691(B)(2), 1700(A) and (D), 1701, 1943(1), and 1948.5(52)(f); adds R.S. 36:4(B)(16) and R.S. 56:1685(C)(21); repeals R.S. 36:209(H)(8) and R.S. 56:1702)